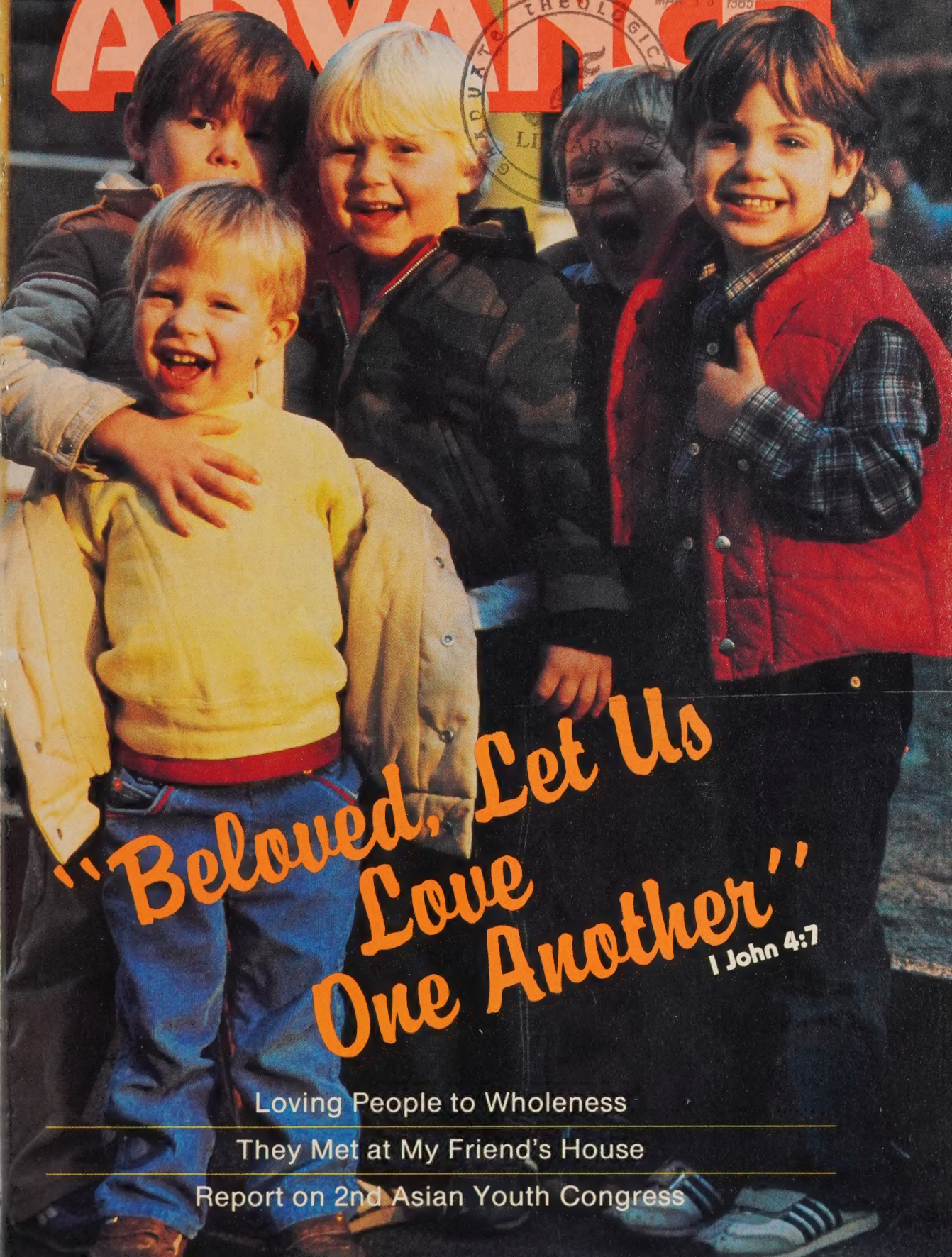


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"Beloved, Let Us Love One Another" 1 John 4:7

Loving People to Wholeness

They Met at My Friend's House

Report on 2nd Asian Youth Congress

By Tim Peterson

“What Am I Going To Be When I Grow Up?”

Sound familiar? It's a question that all of us asked at an early point in our lives. As a youngster, I remember wanting to be a chef, a cowboy, a fireman and Superman . . . all in less than a week's time! I didn't know it then, but finding one's self can become a lifetime pursuit. Like the cat who chases his tail, we can search for our identity and never come any closer to the truth.

However, God has a way for us to discover who we really are — and in the process, we can learn more about Jesus than we've ever known before. He begins by placing us in His Church; the plan is to focus our attention away from ourselves and toward others. Before long, we're confronted with the fact that the Church is people — needy people, just like us, who have been drawn together by the embrace of the Lord Jesus Christ. Then, when we're face-to-face, He speaks the words found in I John 4:7.

“Beloved, let us love one another . . .”

It's not always easy to follow that command; but it is in the doing of it that we begin to see who we really are. We are the Church, growing in grace by loving one another.

Sometimes we lose perspective on how important the Church is in the world. From God's viewpoint, it takes precedent over every man-made institution or government . . . Jesus died for the Church (Ephesians 5:23-32). Because God made us “members in particular,” our importance is in direct relationship to the value that He has placed on the Church.

This edition of the **ADVANCE** portrays the Church from several different angles. It shares the meaning of *unity* and the joy of *belonging*; it talks about *forgiveness* and tells the story of a forgiving church which is changing its community. If you try, you can see yourself and your church in every article . . . because together, with the Church around the world, we are the Body of Christ.

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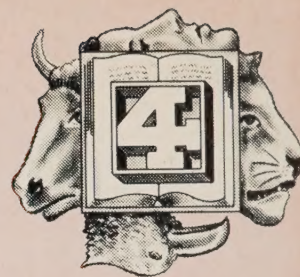


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Scenes of children taken at the Foursquare
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In every family there seems to be a "pecking order" which usually goes from the oldest to the smallest. At a retreat for the men of our church, one of the fathers in the group told how his aggressive son pushed his younger sister too far. She had finally reached the boiling point and went complaining to her mother. When asked what she planned to do about this injustice she said, "Mommy, I'm **not** going to pay back evil for evil—I'm just going to kick him!"

While we chuckle at her statement, it makes an obvious point. In the family of God, we're tested most at the point of our relationships. The major responsibility for setting the tone of a relationship rests on us individually. We can't control what the other person thinks or does, but we can make appropriate adjustments in our own attitudes and actions. Something has to happen in us to give the relationship a better chance to be positive.

The issue of unity in the Church came into focus for me several years ago when I attended a series of meetings in another part of the nation. There, I was forced to make decisions about being tolerant of people whose style of ministry differed from my own. I was not alone. Conversations around me disagreed over the way that leaders dressed, took offerings, preached, worshipped, gave altar calls, etc..

At first, I found myself mentally agreeing or disagreeing with the opinions I overheard. But, the Holy Spirit began speaking to me about the evaluations I had been making. Not only did I adjust my attitude, but the experience helped me give a good deal of thought to the subject of tolerance in the weeks to follow.

Achieving unity among believers in the Body of Christ is sometimes difficult. Beliefs and backgrounds vary widely. The Apostle Paul's appeal to the Church at Ephesus is very relevant:

"As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace."

Ephesians 4:1-3 NIV

We can divide Paul's exhortation into three distinct parts. Simply stated, (1) We are to **live** out a lifestyle comparable to what we are in Christ. (2) We are to **be** something in terms of attitude; and, (3) We are to **do** something in terms of behavior.

The first point of **living** a life comparable to what we are in Christ is introduced in March, 1985

"Mommy, Can I Kick Him?"

By Stan Simmons



"Beloved, let us love one another"

duced in chapters 1-3 of Ephesians. Paul traces our life in Christ, from our sinful past to our present spiritual position, all due to God's great mercy. In the latter portion of the book, he outlines practical issues that we, as believers, are asked to live out. In other words, now that we are children of God, we are to act like it!

Secondly, Paul provides examples of what we are to **be** in terms of attitude. Humility, gentleness, patience and forbearance are all attitudes that should be characteristic of God's children in relationship to one another.

For example, Jesus expressed patience in His treatment of frequently-blundering Peter. However, He was quick to confront when the need arose.

"Jesus turned and said to Peter, 'Out of my sight, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men.'"

Matthew 16:23 NIV
(Jesus' statement)

He would not allow Peter to be used by Satan to turn Him from His appointed task in Jerusalem.

The third part of unity in the church relates to what we **do**. Paul instructs us in Ephesians 4:3 to, "Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace." The phrase translated "make every effort" means to "use speed, move quickly, earnestly and diligently." Unity, then, is not something that is maintained by an attitude only, but, at times, requires action on our part. That action must be prompted by the right motive and embellished in the right spirit. Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers."

I wonder how much anguish we would save ourselves if we moved quickly when a situation warranted action, rather than to 'let it go'? Even in the best of relationships, we have turmoil—because we are imperfect people. It is wise to deal with disagreement as it occurs, rather than allow Satan to be given any room to operate. At times, that means dealing with our own attitudes before God; in other instances it requires our moving toward others to make peace.

"Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift."

Matthew 5:23-24 NIV

We all face difficulty and pressure in
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Your Neighborhood Garbage Collector

By Jerry Cook

When love, acceptance and forgiveness characterize our lives and our churches, the Lord will send us people who need to be made whole. A pastor friend called me one day very upset at our church. This was a brother I liked and respected then, and still do. He was irritated because some of his people had started coming to our church. I knew what he was talking about and I felt he needed to get it off his chest, so I let him talk. At one point he said, "You know what you are out there? You're nothing but a bunch of garbage collectors."

As I thought about it, I realized he was telling the truth. That's exactly what we are, garbage collectors. What were we before Jesus found us? Weren't we all just garbage? Jesus finds us and recycles us.

I mentioned this in church one Sunday and afterward a man who owns a garbage collection agency came floating up the aisle, all excited. "That's super," he said. "Let me tell you something about garbage. There's a landfill near here. For 10 years we used it as a place to dump trash and garbage. Know what's there now? A beautiful park."

I've seen human garbage become beautiful too. I've seen the stench of sin turned into the fragrance of heaven. That's our business. We can't worry about what critics think or say. Where is God going to send the "garbage" for recycling if He can't put it on our doorstep? He'll find a place. If we're not open for business, someone else will be. But we want to be used of God.

When love, acceptance and forgive-

ness prevail, the church of Jesus Christ becomes what Jesus was in the world: a center of love designed for the healing of broken people, and a force for God.

A Place Where People Are Made Whole

A pastor in our town whom I knew only slightly became involved in adultery. As a result, his marriage went on the rocks and his ministry was destroyed. Since he was a strong Christian leader in our area, this brother's fall came with a resounding crash. His church splintered into a dozen fragments and hurting, confused people were scattered all over the city.

A year and a half after all that happened, I received a phone call at 7:30 a.m. one Sunday. It was this former pastor. He said, "Would you mind if my wife and I came to church this morning?"

I said, "Why would you even call and ask that question? Of course we wouldn't mind."

"Well," he said, "I'll tell you, Jerry, we've been trying for eight months now to find a place to worship. The last time we tried was a month ago. That morning

we were asked from the pulpit to leave. We've been met at the door of other churches by pastors who heard that my wife and I were coming. They asked us not to come in, said we would cause too much trouble. Still others have heard that we might show up and called in advance to ask us please not to come."

He said, "Frankly, I don't think we could handle it again if we were to come and be an embarrassment to you and be asked to leave. I just don't know what would happen; my wife is close to a nervous breakdown." By now he was weeping. "I know that you have video for overflow crowds," he said. "If you want you can put us in a room where no one will see us and let us watch the service."

I said, "Listen, you be there and I'll welcome you at the door."

He came with his wife and their little baby. They came late and sat in the back.

The compounding thing was that many of the people who had been hurt through his fall were now a part of our congregation. Nevertheless, we extended fellowship to that man and the Lord did a cleansing and a healing. We shed so many tears together. I never will forget how he grabbed me and buried his head on my shoulder, a man 15 to 20 years my senior. He wept like a baby and held to me like a drowning man. He said, "Jerry, can you love me? I've spent my life loving people but I need someone to love me now."

In the weeks and months that followed, he met with our elders regularly and wept his way back to God through a most intense, sometimes utterly tearing repentance. If ever in my entire life



"I've seen godly sorrow for sin, I saw it in that man. He literally fell on the floor before our elders, grabbed their feet and implored them, 'Brothers, can you ever forgive me?'"

God healed that man and restored him to wholeness.

I say to you, that brother was restored only because God enabled us to love and accept and forgive him. If the Church is to be the force for God in the world that it should be, it must learn to love people, accept them and forgive them.

The church is in the world to minister salvation to people. The word *salvation* in its broadest sense means to bring wholeness. It's interchangeable with word *healing*.

Within the community of the gathered church, then, people need to be saved, healed, brought to wholeness in every area of their lives. But before there can be a coming to wholeness, certain guarantees must be made to people. Otherwise they will not risk themselves to be open with us enough to receive healing.

The minimal guarantee we must make to people is that they will be loved—always, under every circumstance, with no exception. The second guarantee is that they will be totally accepted, without reservation. The third thing we must guarantee people is that no matter how miserably they fail or how blatantly they sin, unreserved forgiveness is theirs for the asking with no bitter taste left in anybody's mouth.

"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you" (Ephesians 4:32 N.I.V.).

The Church at Work in the World

A man asked me to pray with him about his living situation. He lived in a large apartment complex and felt like Lot in Sodom because of the things going on there. He really wanted to move.

I said, "Listen, you are not there by accident. Let's begin to work and facilitate some ministry for you. Let's pray. Let's fast, and we'll see what the Lord says to us."

I soon discovered a lot of other people in our church were in similar circumstances. One Sunday night after service we gathered everyone who lived in apartments, a whole roomful of people. I said, "How many of you feel like you want to move?" Many raised their hands. I said, "Why don't we stop asking God for a place to move and start asking Him for a way to infect the place we live? How

can we have such a case of Christianity that we become an epidemic?"

"I'm simply saying to be open for business," I explained. "Now what does that mean to you?"

One fellow decided he should write out his testimony and post it on the bulletin board. He happened to be in charge of an apartment building for 400 adult students of Mt. Hood Community College.

He posted his testimony on the bulletin board, where all the messages are. He attached a note, "If you want to talk about this, see me, manager's apartment." A steady stream of people began coming to him.

Now wouldn't it be foolish to put that man on staff? Or hire someone else as minister of apartment evangelism? Ministry is people filled with the Holy Spirit meeting the needs of other people in Jesus' name.

The church-as-a-force becomes a healing agency in the community, not a place of refuge from the community.

Seeing the Church as His Church

The first year I was in the ministry, I became very frustrated. The church was growing and I was getting the credit, but I knew there was not the slightest relationship between what was happening and what I was doing. I felt utterly useless and completely irrelevant. And I was. I could have dropped in a hole and God's work would have gone right on. Probably a little better.

The latter part of that year I landed in the hospital. I was 27 years old, had prepared for the ministry for nine years and, after less than a year of pastoring, I was in the hospital on a heart machine and there was some question whether I could even continue pastoring.

My ministry, so-called, had lasted less than 12 months and been totally ineffective. I was lying on one of those dollies they use to wheel people around the hospital. I said, "Lord, I don't understand. I'm still in debt up to my gills for nine years of education. I did what I thought you wanted me to do. But none of it makes any sense."

"Beloved, let us



love one another."

Then this question came to me: "Jerry, whose church is it?"

I knew the answer to that. I'd been ordained and called. It was my church. That was my answer. Sometimes when I give the Lord a wrong answer I know right away that it's wrong. Not that God hits me or anything. There's just a divine silence that says, "That was really absurd." This was one of those times.

The Lord miraculously intervened in my life and in my health at that time. He restored me completely physically. I was back in my office in three weeks. There the question came again: "Whose church is it, Jerry?"

A passage from Ephesians 1 came to mind. It brought me suddenly alive for it said the church "*is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way*" (v. 23 N.I.V.). I had the answer. It was His church, His Body.

Then I went to the Gospels and read Peter's great confession: "*You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.*" Jesus answered, "*On that rock (upon that confession of God-revealed faith in Me), I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it*" (see Matthew 16:16-18 N.I.V.).

I saw what had been happening. What I had built, the gates of Hades had overcome. It was gone. What God had built was standing. I understood that Jesus builds His church, that I not only don't have to build it but cannot build it. That was what had given me trouble. I'd been under the tremendous pressure of having to build a church.

Since it's not my church and I don't have to build it, I also don't have to assume a lordship role over the people in it. I can release them to serve Christ. Like me, they simply need to be available to the One who is Lord of the church.

Releasing the People to Minister

Releasing people to minister means setting them free to meet other people's needs whenever and however they can. There doesn't have to be a hook in their ministry that will get the sinner inside the four walls of our meeting place.

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A Church Offers New Beginnings

By THERESA WALKER,
Times Staff Writer

Alex Cordero and Paul Aranda stood on the steps outside a church in Highland Park and talked about the days when, as members of rival youth gangs in northeast Los Angeles, they "used to beat on each other."

Two years ago Cordero was an active member in The Avenues 43rd, a Highland Park gang that has been around since the 1940s. A dedicated, self-described *vato loco* (crazy guy), Cordero said he helped organize retaliatory murders of members of such rival gangs as the Clovers in Lincoln Heights, to which Aranda belonged.

The rivalry between 43rd and Clover, Aranda said, has been going on for years, "before we were born."

But for Aranda and Cordero, both 27, the rivalry stopped when they were born again.

Now members of the Highland Park Foursquare Church on York Boulevard, known as "My Friend's House," the two take to the streets together, carrying Bibles instead of guns.

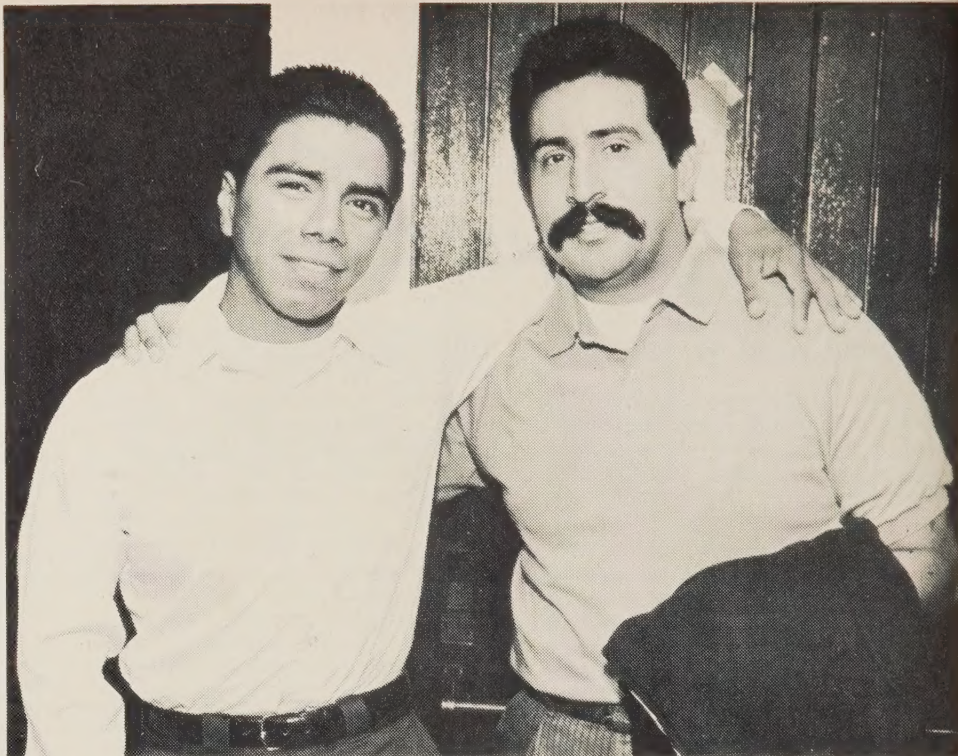
"Our mission is to get out there and try to tell gang members that there's a better way of living," said Aranda, who said he was a heroin addict who "lived for a fix" until he joined the church a year ago.

As part of their mission, Aranda and Cordero were on hand Saturday night for a weekend gathering at "My Friend's House" aimed at getting gang members into the church.

Called "A Weekend to Remember," the gathering was held in the memory of Felipe Cortez, a former "home boy" of Cordero's from the 43rd gang, who was killed in a drive-by shooting a year ago. The gunman has not been identified by police, but 43rd members claim it was someone from the Clover gang.

The shooting occurred two weeks after Cortez, 17, had joined "My Friend's House," said pastor Mike O'Brien. Cortez became the congregation's "Home boy in Heaven" and further inspired O'Brien to address what he called one of the "throbbing needs" in the Highland Park community where he has worked for four years.

"Felipe's death," O'Brien said, "gave me the vision to see there are so many people in our area that are still struggling with the things
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Paul Aranda (left) and Alex Cordero were members of rival gangs before joining church.

people in the gang life style struggle with: self-esteem based on how many people you fight, how many people you kill, how many tattoos you wear."

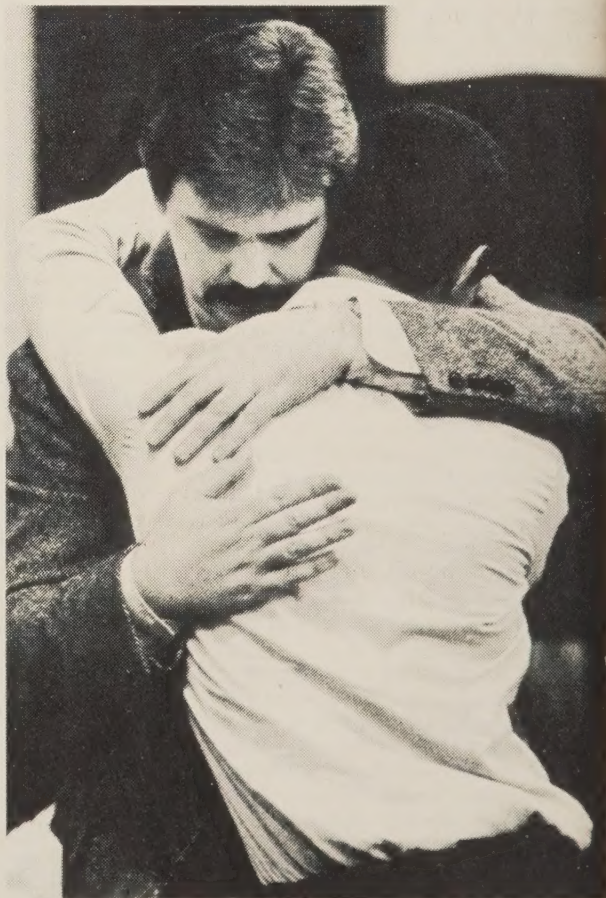
The memorial for Cortez was held at the same time as funerals for some of the victims of the recent string of gang shootings in South-Central Los Angeles. Over the past two weeks, eight people in that community have been killed as a result of gang violence.

Saturday evening's service featured a talk by Joseph "JoJo" Sanchez, a former member of the Lote Mara gang in East Los Angeles and now head of Inner Cities Youth Ministries Inc., an evangelical ministry dedicated to serving "hurting youth and parents."

Last year Aranda heard Sanchez describe how he had kicked his own heroin addiction through religion. Sanchez's story, Aranda said, inspired him to do the same.

Held in the comfortable, yellow stucco Foursquare church, last weekend's gathering was designed to overcome what O'Brien described as "a standoff between gang members and church folks." The groups, he said, "are scared stiff of each other and don't quite know what to do with each other's cultures and life styles."

By deciding to mark the anniversary of the Cortez shooting, O'Brien hoped to attract many of the more than 350 gang members that he said had packed the pews of "My Friend's House" for Cortez's funeral a year ago.



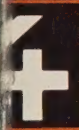
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Pastor Mike O'Brien of Highland Park Foursquare Church hugs youth who decided to make religion part of his life.

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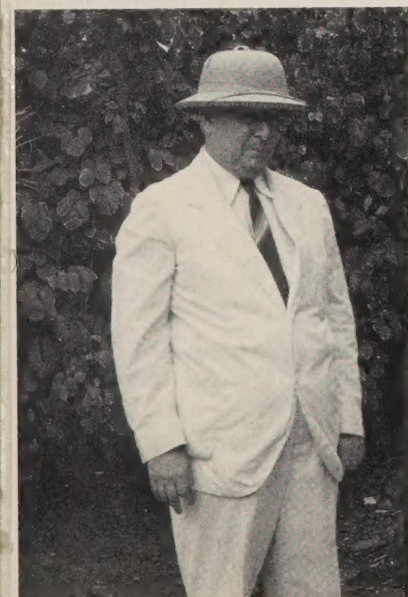
Mid America



The Vision Begins

Arthur Edwards lay in bed, dying. Memories flickered like wall-shadows; moments of love, seasons of strife, business successes, worldly failures. Then came something new; not from the past nor even from the present but from the God of Eternity. Brushing aside the former things that were drawing Arthur toward death, God offered him new life in Christ. The year was 1921.

Aimee Semple McPherson was holding a tent meeting near their



Arthur Edwards rose from his California deathbed and in 1928 sailed with his family to Panama, making it a gospel gateway to many Latin American countries.

home. Under her preaching, the Edwards family learned for the first time of Jesus as their Great Physician and Baptizer with the Holy Spirit. Prior

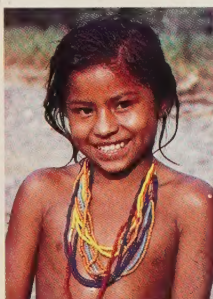
to their coming to L.I.F.E. Bible College in 1925, God entrusted Arthur with a vision. At first it seemed like a scene from an old-time comedy. A pumphanhandled firetruck clanged down the street, pulled by firemen so bone-tired their tongues hung from their mouths. "Where are you going?" Arthur shouted, laughing. "To the south," replied the exhausted firemen. "To Balboa!"

Arthur turned toward the south and beheld a sight that squelched his laughter and stole his breath. The judgment of God ravaged a distant city with the fury of a firestorm, flames looming against a cloud-blackened sky. After a moment the vision vanished.

Seeking God for the meaning of the vision, Arthur spread a map across the floor. He had an aunt who lived at Balboa Beach in Southern California, and he assumed the Lord was telling him to help her. But as he ran his finger further south, his attention fell on Balboa, port of entry to Panama.

This is where he saw the fire fall. God was calling Arthur Edwards, former banker and businessman, to be a missionary to the Republic of Panama.

In 1928, boarding a ship with his wife and young children, Arthur embarked on a voyage that would send shock waves of spiritual awakening throughout an entire continent.



Jesus' love transcends culture, and with our help it reaches around the world to save little ones like this Choco Indian girl in Panama.



Leland is Arthur Edwards' son, second generation missionary, returning with his family to the harvest field of Latin America.

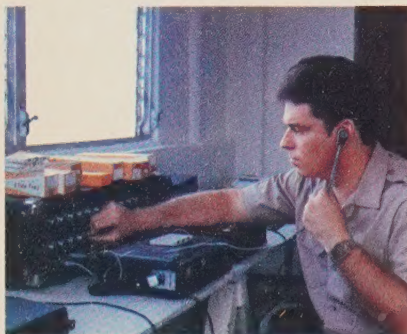
And indeed, within a short time, the Foursquare ministry the Edwards family established in Panama became a strategic gateway which has released a dynamic flow of soul-winning, discipling and missionary outreach to countries as far north as Mexico including all of Central America, as far east as Puerto Rico, and on to the South American continent, as well.

**ADVANCING
THROUGH THE
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The Vision Today

Most of the countries of Mid-America have seen more than their share of suffering. Political problems have brandished the scourge of oppression, while poverty has gloomed the hearts of the homeless and the helpless.

There is good news, however; and it outweighs the bad. In spite of the oppression and hardship of some countries in this region, the Foursquare work has grown dramatically. Obviously, the work the Edwards began in Panama did not petrify to become a stone monument to past glories. Instead, their foundation in Panama flourishes, in growth, in expansion, in multiplying harvest, currently brimming with nearly 800



Today's missionaries, like J. Lewis Richey, Jr., use modern techniques, with a personal touch, to pioneer churches and reach the lost.

churches and meeting places.

Dramatic examples abound:

Throughout 11 Mid-America countries there are nearly 1600 churches and meeting places, close to 60,000 people who profess Christ as their Savior. (Note: A meeting place can sprout in any location where believers will gather regularly, informally, to worship, pray, and study God's Word. Often-times,



Our continuing prayers and regular giving help Foursquare Missions leap the generation gap and impact young and old alike with the gospel.

however, because the work grows so fast among so many people, these casual congregations far out number their more traditional counterparts.)

Central America: Spirit-empowered believers in this trouble-beleaguered region abound in joy as they partner with their 400-plus national leaders and pastors as fishers of men. The result: from Guatemala on the north, to Costa Rica to the south, all report healthy growth, with Honduras, Nicaragua, and El Salvador surpassing 100% increase in churches, meeting places, and attendance in the past three years.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

"Missiologists amazed with the current momentum of growth tell us one new church is born every minute somewhere around the world . . ."

—Rev. Phil D. Starr,
Communications Coordinator
Foursquare Missions International

Such a declaration rejoices our hearts. But let us guard against complacency. It is too easy to imagine churches sprouting everywhere like plants after spring rains. These are not weeds growing helter-skelter. These are the choice flowers of God's harvest — the long-term result of missionary-sowing of the Word, nurtured by the

prayers and financial support of God's people across North America.

The fruit of the past holds the seeds of the future. As growth continues in the Mid-America region, more harvest fields will require more nurture. And that means more sowers, more reapers, more givers. Consider how you can be a part of this major move of God's Spirit throughout the countries of Mid-America.



Local congregations across El Salvador represent the continued emphasis of Foursquare Missions International to train and equip national leadership to lead their people in the ways of the Lord.

MID-AMERICA includes the following countries:

Panama	1928
Puerto Rico	1929
Mexico	1943
Jamaica	1946
Cuba	1949
Honduras	1952
Costa Rica	1953
Nicaragua	1955
Guatemala	1955
El Salvador	1973
Haiti	1981

The Enlarged Vision

An earthquake devastated Guatemala in 1976, killing 26,000, critically injuring 76,000, and leaving 2 million homeless. Since this disaster, despite continued grief and hardship, Guatemalans have been more receptive and are responding increasingly to the gospel.



Neville Davis, a national leader committed to raising Spirit-filled pastors, evangelists, and missionaries from among his brothers and sisters in Jamaica.

In the midst of this, the Lord is telling us to bring our brimming nets to shore. That means discipleship. And that means training leaders.

During 1984, Lee and Lisa Schnabel were sent to partner with the Guatemalan national leaders in training pastors, workers, and other leaders to disciple and train students who are hungry to learn of the things of God. Many variables are involved: sending the Lee Schnabels, bringing teachers and students together,



Under construction in Jamaica, this church is a tangible symbol of our vision for solid spiritual growth in this Caribbean island.

purchasing suitable literature, providing needed organization and facilities — all this needs appropriate funding. These needs we must meet today as the country is being pressed toward its uncertain tomorrow.

These are not isolated needs but are characteristics of the needs throughout all of this region.

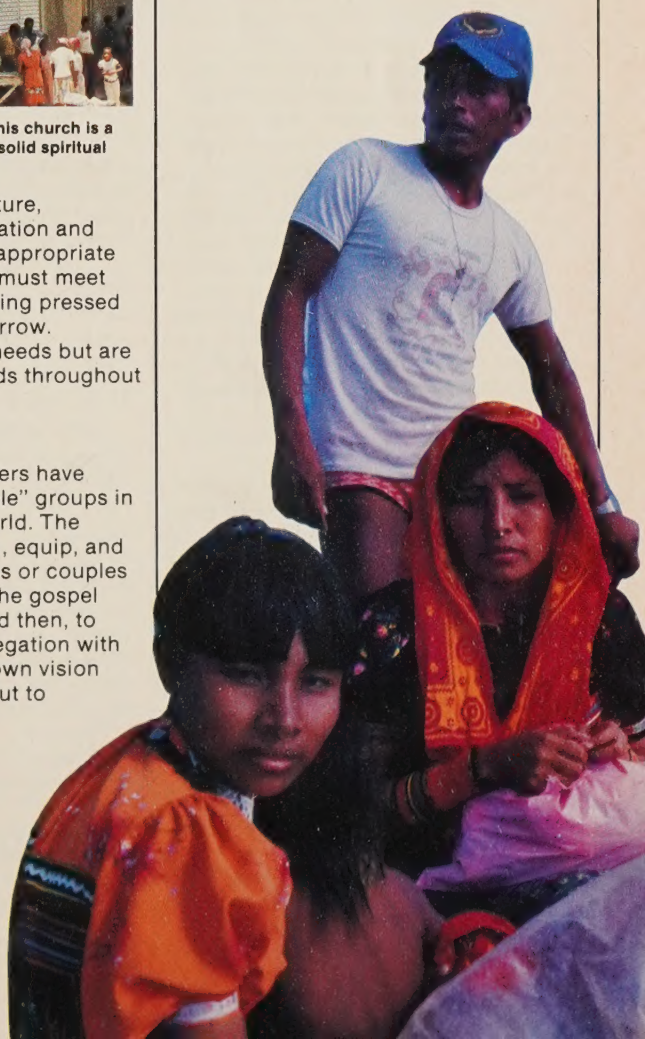
HIDDEN PEOPLES

Our Mid-American leaders have targeted 17 "Hidden People" groups in this pivotal area of the world. The current strategy is to train, equip, and send at least 17 individuals or couples into these groups where the gospel has not yet penetrated and then, to establish in each a congregation with its own pastor — and its own vision to send its own workers out to more of like people or beyond. This will

require utilization of both national and missionary personnel who are committed to learning the language and customs of their adopted "Hidden People" group.

Teams of special missions personnel are needed to help in training national leaders in this task.

Our vision is to establish Spirit-filled congregations among the Cuna Indians, residents of the San Blas Islands off the northern coast of Panama.



A Vision with Clarity

The cost of equipping and sending needed missionary personnel is unmistakably the responsibility of every Christian."

—Dr. Paul Risser, Pastor
Florence Avenue Foursquare Church,
Santa Fe Springs, California

We praise God for His bounty throughout Mid-America. But that is just the beginning. Though many hear the gospel and receive Christ, many more have not yet heard. Our missionaries and national leaders feel pressed, in the Spirit, to help in the Harvest in Belize, Dominican Republic, Trinidad/Tabago, Grand Caymon, and Barbados, all datelined by 1990.

On-fire pastors proclaim best and spread furthest a burning vision not only for neighboring communities, but for countries abroad. More shepherding pastors are needed who will ignite their flocks with the zeal of the Lord of the Harvest.

This demands from us here in North America more than a hit-and-run approach to giving to missions. God wants all people to hear the message of salvation in Christ. Sending the gospel throughout the 11 countries we are in and those bordering in Mid-America, takes time. And so it requires people who will offer continuing intercessory prayer. It requires people who are willing to prepare and be well trained and who are eager to minister on the front lines. It requires people who will give sacrificially.

Our vision is long-range. There is a job to be done, a job of vast magnitude. And God commands us — every one of us — to take part. Not for a few minutes while we're moved emotionally. Not for an afternoon as an outing. Nor for a gesture to purge guilt.

God commands each of us to



These Honduran converts learn that water baptism is an essential dynamic for spiritual growth and community witness.

commit to long-term involvement. But, He insists that we give cheerfully. Take time right now to let the Holy Spirit show you how you are to be involved. Let God help you catch the vision for Mid-America. Then let Him touch your heart to become a cheerful giver of prayer, of yourself, of your financial resources.

THE COST OF THE VISION

"Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing . . ."

Isaiah 55:10

God gave Arthur Edwards a vision for the people of Panama. In response, he and his family gave up their house in California and left their homeland. Though they sailed farther and farther from all that was familiar and beloved, eagerness and commitment with great joy buoyed their spirits on their voyage to Panama.

Finally arrived, they trekked several miles to Panama City, where they sat on a bench in Santa Ana Plaza. Although the people and the buildings were strikingly different from those they had known all their lives, it felt like home. They sat and wept, embraced by the warming and joyful sense of confirmation that this was where God



James Walker, Supervisor of our work in Costa Rica, teaches that water baptism is the new believer's first step of obedience to the Lord Jesus Christ.

had called them.

The vision that God gave the Edwards family was a seed for Latin America — one seed toward the fulfillment of the Great Commission. God gives us all seeds, each for planting in a different place.

Where is your place? Where is your seed? Is it to pray? Is it to go? Or is it to give? God's work in Latin America has grown vastly in the past few years. And we want to ensure that it continues to grow and that the harvest continues to increase. Consider becoming a regular part of this great work.

VISION: MID-AMERICA for 1985 and 1986, The projected cost: \$600,000 or \$25,000 a month for this increasing vision! This cost includes 3 new North American missionary units — sending one to Mexico, and 2 to the West Indies. **Vision: Mid-America from 1987 to 1990** calls for 3 more units — one each to El Salvador, and Costa Rica and another one to Mexico. God supplies the seed. Sow generously. Give cheerfully. Together we can make **VISION: MID-AMERICA** a harvest of changed lives for millions of our neighbors in Latin America.

SECOND ASIAN FOURSQUARE YOUTH CONGRESS

THE BAMBOO STRATEGY

By Tim Peterson

Far away from Manila and perched in the mountains of the Philippines is the summer capital of Baguio City. In the market place the streets are jammed with jeepneys which are vintage marvels of public transportation. On the outskirts of town, I gazed through the open window of our taxi to see hundreds of stone steps climbing straight up a hillside. Groups of people were moving up and down the broad stairway to a religious statue near the top. Someone in the car said, "There are Filipinos who have themselves whipped and nailed to crosses as a way of gaining God's favor."

We drove up the winding road to the summit. Our destination was a Jesuit retreat center where 160 young men and women assembled from nine nations. Flags and a colorful banner greeted us with the words, "WELCOME, DELEGATES OF THE SECOND ASIAN FOURSQUARE YOUTH CONGRESS." The objectives of our coming together were to meet Foursquare youth from other countries, to worship the Lord and to hear His challenge of reaching Asia with the Gospel.

It seemed strange, I thought, to be planning strategy for missions with those to whom we send missionaries. Many of the delegates were from third world countries . . . their sacrifices in coming to the Congress were extreme, to say nothing of what it would cost them to carry the Good News to other lands. But within hours, as I heard the youth cry out in prayer for the lost, I understood that the great commission is a very personal matter . . . it is a league between every believer and the Savior who shares His heart of love for a dying world.

The spiritual integrity of these youth seemed remarkable. I thought about the fact that we, in the West, have led in ministry methods and programs featuring the best full-color materials; but these leaders didn't have the resources to help them get beyond "simple" Christianity—now I saw that simplicity at work. It had the qualities of kindness, concern, personal interest and a readiness to pay any price necessary to share the Gospel. It also had the patience to wait on the Lord in



Second Asian Foursquare Youth Congress



order to know His plan for ministering to the world.

Notes that I took while listening to Leslie Kegel, our young Foursquare leader in Sri Lanka, help portray the importance of listening to the Holy Spirit before charging out to win the world.

SRI LANKA (formerly Ceylon)

Population: 50 million, 6 million of which live in Colombo where Leslie ministers

Religions: 67% Buddhists, 18% Hindus, 8% Muslims

Foursquare background: Began in 1979 by Leslie and his wife who received support from the Foursquare churches in Hong Kong. The first three years of ministry included a great deal of personal evangelism and prayer, but Leslie felt restrained

in starting meeting places. In January of 1982, a deaf and dumb youth was completely healed—Leslie began "discipling" him, which included teaching him to talk (today he is an associate pastor) . . . this was the beginning of regular Bible training meetings.

Current statistics: Today there are 42 meeting places, 20 of which are called "churches" (these have 25 or more committed believers); there are 1,500 members and more than 2,000 people attend services each week. In 1984 there were 700 "proven" converts, 197 filled with the Spirit and more than 400 members added to the church.

It was stirring to hear Leslie's report along with those of the other Asian nations. Together, the stories formed a tapestry of God's working. In spite of the cultural and linguistic differences, the Foursquare churches in Asia are being designed by the same Architect, the Lord of the Church.

On that hilltop where our youth planned and prayed for an effective strategy, my mind traveled back to the Foursquare churches in North America . . . I was glad that we had prayed and had given and had sent missionaries to these nations. The commitments were paying off! The converts had become partners in spreading the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

The Joy of Belonging

GOD'S LOST & FOUND

By Sidney Westbrook

If there is a "lost and found" department in the Bible, it has to be located in Luke 15.

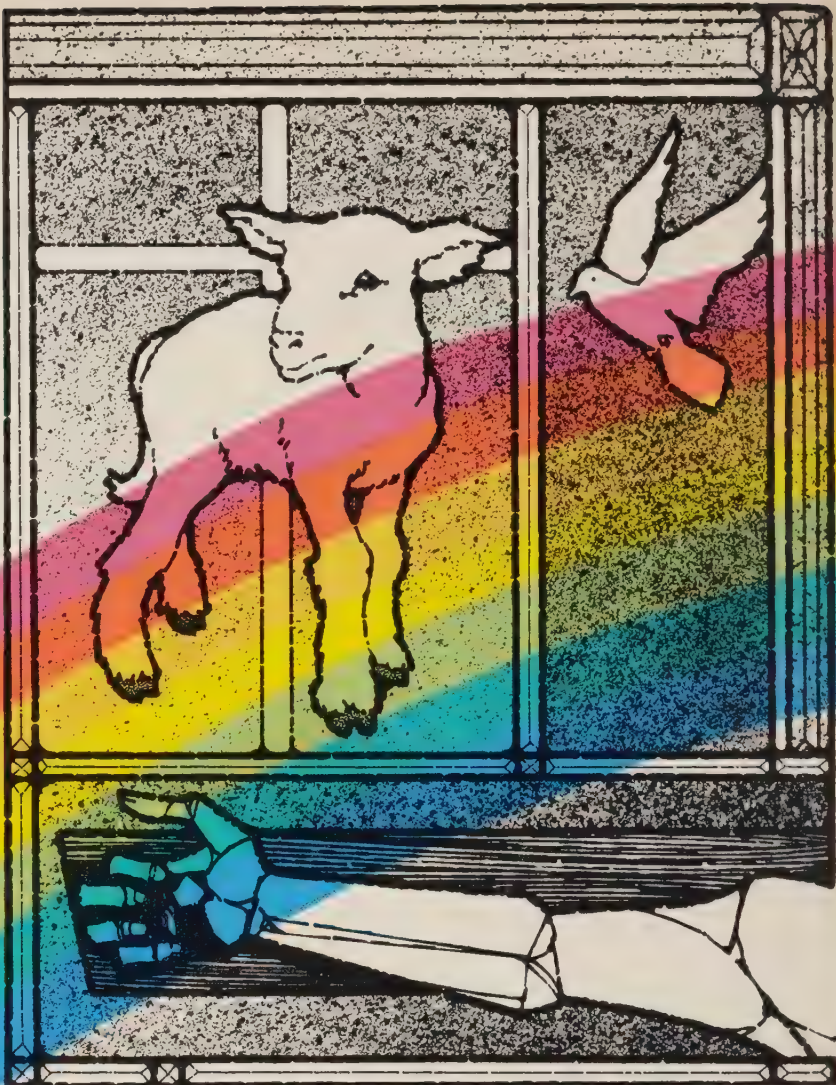
There we read about a lost sheep, a lost coin and a lost son. When each of them was found, the reaction was the same—that of great joy on the part of the finder. Jesus used these examples to tell us about the rejoicing that takes place in heaven when one sinner repents and is found.

The First Step—Being Found

All of us who have come to Christ know what it is to be **FOUND**. The very fact that He looked for us establishes our worth as individuals. In His early ministry, our Savior was continually questioned because of the company He kept. On one occasion, the religious leaders questioned His association with unimportant, uncouth, sinful people. Jesus answered them with the fierce passion of a Creator who knows there are no unimportant people. He dared to stand against the history of the Jewish race, the philosophies of their society and in fact, all the religions of this earth. He proclaimed that it is the individual who matters.

Once, when the Lord was surrounded by a circle of disciples, He put a small child in the center and said, "*Except you be converted and become as little children, you shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven*" (Matthew 18:3). On another occasion, He astounded His closest friends by expressing a compelling need to go through Samaria. Why? Because one outcast woman was thirsting for spiritual life. By His every move, Christ established the unerring fact that there are no unimportant people in the world. What a simple, yet threatening idea this is. His strong feelings about the worth of others contrasts with my own tendency for self-concern.

With some regularity, my life and work reach a point of overwhelming complexity. Often, when I feel like telling the world to go away, the woods where I live get a good trimming. I have an ancient double-bit axe which I swing while I think. I enjoy the old axe for several reasons. For one thing, it reminds me of common men and of how very much every human heart really wants to *belong*. The last time I



went chopping and thinking, the gentle Spirit seemed to say "be careful about your attitude towards common people—you may turn out to be one." Then I realized that with Christ there really are no common people; that idea is man made. The complexity of my life had made me important in my own eyes—but the simplicity of the Spirit reminded me of why I'm important in His eyes.

Forgiveness Follows Belonging

The answer to life's meaning is much deeper than just "finding one's self." When we look honestly, the first thing we find is that we are sinners. This is too painful to admit unless we also find **FORGIVENESS**. Knowing that we are sinners and receiving forgiveness is the very foundation of our individual worth. There is no other answer. If we are to find escape from the games people play and come to real identity, we must have a genuine encounter with God's forgiveness. This is the only way to find ourselves and be able to face what we find.

One deception of our times is that we can find our identity in what we do. It

seems we have traded who we are for what we do through achievement. It is a trade down. By it, we are soon lost in the scheme of big thinking, big operations, and bigger disappointments. The Lord recognizes our heritage and encourages our achievements; but He offers us a deeper identity still. He wants to establish us as forgiven sons and daughters. Through our identity as *the forgiven*, we are finally set free. Then we can achieve as His servants; we can accept His gifts knowing that each benefit comes from Him; we can return to the Father and say "make me an instrument of your love in a lost world."

To illustrate this point, let me share an example of the Father's forgiveness. It comes from a typical west Texas town with a highway through the middle, a half-dozen service stations, a cotton gin, houses that are still there because they are strong and, of course, several churches. Like most small communities in this part of the country, this place has winds which blow incessantly and it had a town drunk. On my first trip to visit the congregation in this town, the pastor said, "I want you to meet our

town alcoholic. But the Lord has forgiven him, saved his soul and he is one of our most faithful members." There was a humble dignity about this believer and a sparkle of personality shining through his countenance. Most of all, the man personified the Father's forgiveness. This was a man who could accept himself because he was accepted by his Lord. Moreover, he had been accepted by the community. In fact, he was a living hope to all who struggled. He was forgiven and consequently, had acquired the spirit of forgiveness. I came away from the meeting feeling forgiven myself.

The Fellowship of the Beloved

Each of us who have experienced forgiveness are then led into **FELLOWSHIP** . . . just like the sheep that was brought into the fold. It is in this fellowship of believers that we actualize our forgiveness. Honest fellowship eventually involves us in forgiving our friends. This causes our identity to stretch beyond being "the forgiven" to becoming "the forgiver."

Being a true "forgiver" in a church setting may ultimately require us to risk friendship in order to gain fellowship in the Spirit. The ongoing challenge is to grow in our relationship with fellow believers as we follow the biblical

directive of " . . . speaking the truth in love . . ." (Ephesians 4:15a). That is when we learn together how extensive the work of sanctification is going to be in our lives. My friend John Garlock once said, "Living with the saints above will be eternal bliss and glory, but living with the saints below is an entirely different story." Put simply, we are not called into fellowship just for the benefits. We are called to find lasting identity as "forgiven forgivers." Embracing this ministry of reconciliation within the Church is to discover true communion with the saints.

Finding our Function

As we come to the final facet of belonging to God and belonging in His Church, we must recognize that there is an ongoing balance between the worth of the individual and the good of the whole. The One who does the balancing is the Lord Jesus Christ and He does it through fitting us into the Church body and giving us a **FUNCTION** to fulfill.

The greatest fulfillment for any individual is to recognize the high calling of our King to function in His Kingdom. This calling enhances every part of our lives. Self-worth and identity continue to grow by allowing the life of the Spirit to flow through us in fruitful Christian living. Who could say it better than the



"Beloved, let us love one another"

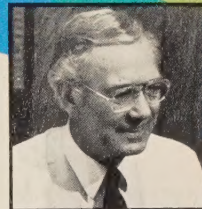
inspired writer of these words?

"Now God has placed the members, each one of them, in the body, just as He desired . . . that there should be no division in the body, but that the members should have the same care for one another. And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it. Now you are Christ's body, and individually members of it."

I Corinthians 12:18,25-27, NASB

IT IS GOOD TO BELONG!

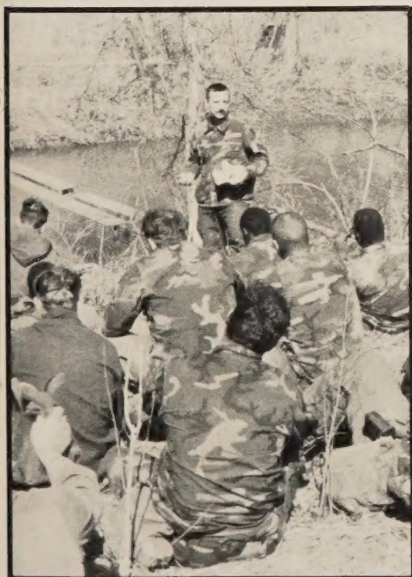
Sidney Westbrook is the Supervisor of our South Central District of Foursquare churches.



CHAPLAINS . . .

Two Foursquare Chaplains have been assigned to active duty with the United States Army:

Chaplain (CPT) Thomas Head



United States Army Chaplain (CPT) Michael Dickey, stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas, holds church services with Army troops in the field. The chaplain always goes with the troops and ministers whether in a chapel on the post or with troops in the field.

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has been assigned to Fort Lewis, Washington

Chaplain (CPT) Gregory Borden has been assigned to Fort Carson, Colorado

Each of these chaplains recently graduated from Army Chaplains School in Fort Monmouth, New Jersey.

ALL ABOARD FOR ZURICH!

Convening July 2-7, 1985 in Zurich, Switzerland, the triennial Pentecostal World Conference promises to be one of the greatest events for the Pentecostal churches of the world. The last meeting held in

Nairobi, Kenya, 1982, was attended by more than 6,000 delegates from 55 countries!

Foursquare Missions International is hosting a 17-day air/land tour (June 27—July 13, 1985) to the 14th Pentecostal World Conference. Included in the tour are stops in Spain, Athens, Switzerland, France, Belgium and England as well as opportunities to meet our Foursquare missionaries and share with them their insights and visions for each country.

Interested? A tour brochure and application can be obtained from Phil Starr, Tour Host, by writing: Phil D. Starr, Communications Coordinator, Missions International, 1100 Glendale Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90026 or call (213) 484-1100, ext. 36. Tour cost: \$2,350.00, double occupancy from New York. Payment deadline: April 15, 1985.

CAMP RADFORD REVISITED

All alumni of Camp Radford are encouraged to attend this year's meeting to be held September 20-22, 1985. This is the fifth reunion since 1949 and the 1983 camp boasted a near capacity attendance!

Exciting speakers and guest musicians are being featured plus a multi-media presentation of the "Radford Days."

What's the scoop? Write to Don Stauffer, P.O. Box 955, Downey, CA 90241 for more details.



"Mommy . . ." (Continued from page 3)

our relationships . . . that is inevitable. The question is, "What kind of attitude will I bring to the relationship and how should it affect my actions?" The way in which each of us answer this question is the determining factor in the role we play as members together in the Body of Christ.

Over the long term, we will be able to evaluate the attitudes we have been expressing in our relationships by what we are receiving back from others.

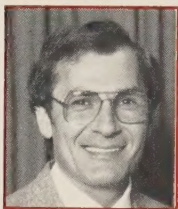
"Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

Luke 6:37-38 NIV

This statement by Jesus to His disciples indicates that we will receive what we have planted in others. The lesson being, rather than evaluating the attitudes of others in a negative way, I must examine what I have been investing in them.

If we, as believers, sow the seeds of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control within our relationships, then unity will begin to flourish. Imagine the impact that we can have on our wounded and fragmented world by " . . . making every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace." [4]

Stan Simmons is the pastor of Faith Chapel Foursquare Church in Billings, Montana and is also Division Superintendent for the states of Montana and North Dakota.



Gangs to God

"New Beginnings . . ."

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"When something like this happens to a gang member," O'Brien said, "the tenderness that's inside of everyone of us becomes more visible. You find out that underneath that tough exterior these are just young men with the same kinds of needs everyone else has."

On Friday night, only nine young men seated in the back of the church stood when O'Brien asked to see how many of "Felipe's home boys" had come. About double that number were on hand Saturday night. By the end of the weekend, four gang members had gone forward and, with arms raised, promised before the congregation to change their lives.

"You are no longer a gang member. Now you are a member of the

"Your Neighbor . . ." (Continued from page 5)

No doubt you know people who hate church but need love. Give them what they need . . . love with no strings attached.

You see, the reason we have tried so hard to get people into the church building is that we want to get them and God together and we have imagined that is the way to do it. We have been more religious than Christian. Christianity is not a religion because its focus is not on man reaching God but on the reverse. God reaches out to man in the person of Jesus Christ. He came to us where we were and brought God to us.

And what did Christ say about us? "As the Father had sent me, I am sending you" (John 20:21 N.I.V.). That means that through the power of the Holy Spirit, we can bring God to man just as Jesus did.

What did Jesus do when He was here? He healed people, many of whom, incidentally, never even thanked Him. He taught people. He loved them. He shared His life with them. He showed them what they could be. He gave them direction. He put up with their failings and patiently showed them the better way.

Some people responded to Jesus and some did not. Those who responded to His touch were saved. And He is working exactly the same way today through His people.

Serving as Christ Served

The principles of the church as servant go deeper than I have so far suggested. Jesus said, "*Even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many*" (Mark 10:45 N.I.V.). Much of the church has failed to come to terms with the basic principle behind those words. Even where the words have become

we live in."

O'Brien realizes that the Gospel can't work miracles overnight for every gang member that goes to his church. "There's a lot of pressure to stay involved in the gang," O'Brien said. "They have their lapses. They have their problems and struggles of still wanting an identity."

Gerard Noriega, one of Felipe's home boys who went to the church Friday night, described his experience with that struggle. Still an active member of 43rd, Noriega said he started going to church every week after Cortez's death but then got "caught up in different things" and eventually drifted away.

"You get up in the morning and you're out on the streets," Noriega said. "Sometimes it's not on your mind to do anything. But somebody comes by and says 'Hey, you want to do some drugs?' It's just an

familiar, even where they are often cited, they are usually applied only to relationships between Christians. We miss the truth that the church is to fill a servant role in the world, as Jesus did, serving not only the brotherhood but everyone. Paul wrote, "*As we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers*" (Galatians 6:10 N.I.V.).

To say that the church is in the world as a servant is also to say that we are here to give, not to get. We are here to give with no strings attached; to help people because they have a need and we have resources, not because we hope to gain something.

A Place to Be Healed

One of the greatest services a church can offer a community is to provide a place for people to be brought to wholeness—to be healed physically, spiritually and emotionally. A place where people are loved, accepted and forgiven.

People are fragmented. They are torn. Life doesn't work for them because they are without Jesus. They don't need more programs and more activities. They simply need a place to be healed. The place does not have to be fancy. The physical environment need not be impressive. The people don't have to be super-spiritual. They simply need to be real, loving, accepting, forgiving. [4]

Rev. Jerry Cook pastored East Hill Foursquare Church in Gresham, Oregon, for over 19 years. Recently, he moved to Kirkland, Washington, where he is serving in a supportive role to Doug Murin, pastor of the East Side Foursquare Church. In addition, he is writing another book, teaching at a university in Seattle and speaking at conferences.

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everyday thing when you grow up in this environment.

"You smoke some weed. You take some pills. You do some cocaine. Pretty soon, by the end of the day, you've done about five different drugs."

Although he said he would be back at church Saturday, Noriega never made it.

If he had returned, Noriega might have been inspired by Sanchez's version of what happened to Felipe Cortez when he woke up one morning and found himself in the streets of heaven:

"Felipe was probably checking out the Pearly Gates and said, 'Hey, man. We don't have this in the Avenues, man.' Peter opened the gates and said, '*Orale ese*, come on in Holmes.' Luke must have seen Felipe walking into the gates and said, 'What is that walking like a penguin?' And the Lord said, 'That's a *vato loco*, man.' [4]



Spiritual Rehabilitation

Wrongdoers can be rehabilitated! God "justifieth the ungodly" (Romans 4:5). If He didn't, there wouldn't be anybody He could justify, would there? "For all have sinned" (Romans 3:23).

The "rehabilitation" of Richard Nixon, in the public mind but not in the media, offers a case in point. Re-elected in 1972 in one of the biggest landslides in American history, he was hounded out of office in disgrace in 1974. But now he is regaining acceptance and recognition in many cases. The Associated Press reported a straw poll taken in October 1984 inquiring as to who was the best president of this century. Nixon won hands down, amassing 2,602 votes, almost double the support of the runner-up, Franklin D. Roosevelt, with 1,435 votes. Harry Truman and John Kennedy tied for third with 1,000 votes each.

The poll also asked who was the worst president of the twentieth century, and Nixon placed second with 1,106 votes behind Jimmy Carter with 2,602. That the public does not always perceive the "best" as the "favorite" was indicated by answers to the third question, as 1,798 named Kennedy their favorite. Nixon was runner up with 1,022 votes.

It is to be hoped that in the aftermath of the Watergate trauma the resigned President obtained a pardon from God as well as the pardon from his successor, President Gerald Ford.

There certainly would be a precedent for this. The late Clyde Taylor of the National Association of Evangelicals told an International Foursquare Convention in the early 1960's that a major party candidate for President had come forward years before at Angelus Temple to receive Jesus Christ as Savior. Subsequently Taylor identified that candidate to me as Richard M. Nixon. Nixon himself wrote in DECISION MAGAZINE:

"I remember vividly the day just after I entered high school, when my father took me and my two brothers to Los Angeles to attend the great revival meetings being held there by the Chicago evangelist, Dr. Paul Rader. We joined hundreds of others that night in making our personal commitments to Christ."

That revival was at Angelus Temple.

Unfortunately, all people who find God occasionally or often, as the case may be, stray from his will. Actually, does not every soul have its own Watergate? The late Clarence Macartney, premier Presbyterian pastor of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, often

reiterated, "Every man has his own ladder down to hell." In the library of St. Catherine's Monastery at Mount Sinai, I photographed an ancient icon picturing a ladder to heaven. But monks were falling off and being speared by demons. Praise God, anyone can escape "the snare of the fowler" (Psalm 91:3)! Wrongdoers can be rehabilitated spiritually, and that's more important than political rehabilitation or the rehabilitation of reputation. Paul said, "... Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief" (I Timothy 1:15)! Contrast the Rich Young Ruler with the PRODIGAL SON. A "GOOD" MAN WAS LOST. A "BAD" MAN WAS SAVED. "Except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish," Jesus thundered to judgmental critics who condemned victims of calamities as conspicuous sinners (cf. Luke 13:1-5).

When any person repents, God rehabilitates a wrongdoer. God not only pardons him but justifies him. The most flagrant offender can become "just as just as Jesus"! God accepts him "just as if he'd never sinned"! On the other hand, the most respectable citizen can be lost eternally. There is no "rehabilitation" in perdition.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Janice Pedersen 1957-1984

As word began to spread concerning the accidental death of Janice Pedersen, many of us who read her monthly editorials in the ADVANCE felt a personal loss. Perhaps the initial shock stemmed from the sense of injustice... being killed by a drunken driver seems so unfair and senseless.

Whenever we hear of a young person's death, there are descriptive terms like "tragic," or "sad," or "untimely". What happened to Janice seems to fit all these descriptions. Yet still there lingers undefinable feelings... mixtures of emotions. We feel angry, forsaken, hurt. And with all these feelings we experience an added vein of confusion. We do not understand why an individual so young... so productive... and so good should be taken from us.

Life sometimes seems so fragile, so temporary, so fleeting, and at times even insignificant. Life and death are all around us and may reach out to touch us at totally

unpredictable moments. I don't know why Janice was killed. I do know she was a wonderful person. I do know she had plans, ideas, dreams and ambitions for herself and the ADVANCE magazine.

One of God's life-giving streams has been cut off and I simply do not understand it. I do know, however, that reality does not hinge on our understanding. So death can, in a way, motivate us all to live more seriously, more purposefully, more intensely, and more ambitiously. When we work, play, love, create... whatever we do we must do it with the realization we simply do not know what we refer to as "God's timing." Life cannot be taken for granted.

Janice Pedersen is gone from this life and we all will miss her. I do believe, however, after we are done with our grief and have dried our tears, we will sigh and with nodding heads agree, because of her life, we have become better people.

Someday, we will tell her... face to face.

—Mike Helms; Los Angeles, California

The New Kid On The Block

If you've never been "the new person" in a body of believers, then you may not

realize just what we all go through.

In my husband's line of work we are often transferred, continually making us the new people in the body. For years I was bothered by this because I felt that we should be greeted with open arms of fellowship, but it just wasn't happening.

After five or six moves, the Lord made it clear that He expected me to be the forward one and extend myself to others. Also, I realized that the rapid growth of our churches meant that many in the congregations I had attended were in the same position as myself.

To sum it all up, I needed to enter into a new body with the understanding that this is where God led me, and therefore I belonged. I learned to dive in head first and make myself welcome by getting involved.

As believers in Christ, I believe the Lord is calling all of us to be sensitive to others, making them feel as welcome as we want to feel.

—Pam Merrill; Springfield, Oregon

We enjoy hearing from our readers. Letters are edited for space and conciseness. Write to: The Editor, ADVANCE, 1100 Glendale Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90026.

WELCOME HOME!



Suppose you and your family left everything dear to spread the gospel in a remote, foreign culture. But, you did it gladly because Jesus told you to go...and He promised to comfort you.

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